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DESTINATION FLEXIBILITY SERVES BOTH INSTRUCTIONAL AND REMEDIATION PROGRAMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Situation

The staff at Gilbert Elementary School was searching for a better way to serve students who had fallen behind in their reading and math. “We felt that we needed something to reach those students,” said Heather Price, Math Coach at Gilbert. “We were looking for software that was instructional and had an assessment component so that our comprehensive remediation teachers would have another resource to use.”

Project Goals

1. To provide math and reading supplemental materials for the comprehensive remediation program
2. To be able to individualize curriculum for students

Solution

The school staff selected Destination. “We were impressed with the correlation to the South Carolina Standards that [it] offered,” explained Price. “[Destination] has more of an instructional component, and that was what we were looking for—an instructional program to go with our comprehensive program...not the skill and drill kind of thing. The students are actually getting some instruction, and it’s interactive while they’re doing it.”

The assessment component tied to prescriptive lessons was another element that made Destination courseware Gilbert’s choice. According to Price: “When they’re done with a certain concept, then they can go and take a quiz and the teacher can see immediately how they did with the different reports.” The purchase was funded with “comprehensive remediation funds and some of our lottery funds,” said Price.



Customer Profile

Gilbert Elementary School
Gilbert, SC
578 students
14% Title I targeted assistance
19% Special Needs
4% African American
4% English Language Learners
6% Hispanic

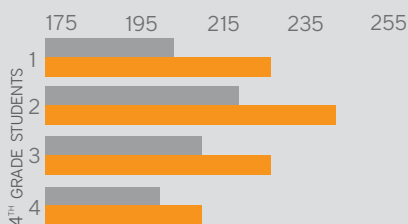
Products and Services

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Destination Math
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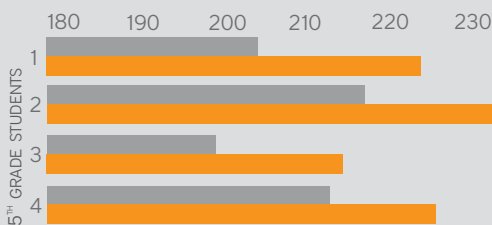
Key Benefits

Destination serves both regular instruction and comprehensive remediation classes

Sample 2004-2005 MAP Math Scores



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“It’s a wonderful program. One of its strengths is its flexibility—because the teacher is able to use the program to individualize for the classroom.”

—Heather Price, Math Coach, Gilbert Elementary School, Gilbert, SC

The Results

The comprehensive remediation program meets for 45 minutes three times a week in the computer lab. “Once we started seeing the program [in the remediation classes], we started using it in our instructional day at the school.” The flexibility of Destination allows teachers to use it in a number of ways.

The Learning Management System makes Destination capable of assessing individual children and providing assignments based on the results of those assessments. Some teachers design their own classes, noted Price. “Several different teachers have developed subgroups within their classes, which has been great because they’re able to individualize their instruction.”

“Our kids really like it,” said Price. One feature they like is that the program is interactive—“they’re not just sitting the whole time.” They also like the animated characters.

While Price cannot say that Destination Math® is the only factor, it is a major factor in the increase in scores on the Measure of Academic Progress. “And in looking at that, several of the classes that used Destination did very well on the MAP test—they made some significant gains in their scores from fall to spring.” The charts show a sampling of scores from third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade tests.

Future Plans

Gilbert Elementary is so pleased with Destination Math that, “We are hoping to be able to expand [Destination] next year so it will go through eighth grade,” said Price. Price will be doing more lesson planning next year. “I, as a Math Coach, will be looking more into the lessons and how they are correlated to our standards. I’m going to tie it more into the teachers’ lessons next year.”

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